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SOURCE

1. On 28 June 1951, a shipment of 7 heavy JS tanks and 4 boxcarloads of troops arrived at the Lieberose (N 52/A 49) railroad station from Fuerstenwalde.
2. Troop training at Lieberose was conducted at night during the week from 1 to 7 July, and the vehicles drove with blackout lights. Such a shift to night practice occurred at regular intervals. (1) From four to six tanks were seen firing individually with live ammunition at the range between Leeskow and Tauer on several days.
3. A train carrying 6 model 38x122-mm field howitzers, 9 trucks and 1 radio truck arrived at Lieberose on 10 July. It was believed to have come from Cottbus. Another train which arrived and was unloaded the same day carried from 500 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (2)
4. Making allowance for the fact that shipments of discharges kept leaving Lieberose, source believed that about 30 percent of the enlisted personnel in the camp were recruits who received primarily close-combat training.
5. While being escorted through the camp by Camp Commandant Colonel Kazanov, (fnu), personally, source observed on 10 July that the large parking area was subdivided into five lots, each of which contained about 40 canvas-covered tanks and about 60 blocked-up trucks, with some of the latter mounting 20-mm AA guns.
6. The small parking lot No 27 for tanks was no longer used. (h) But at the other lots wooden shelters for tanks and wheeled vehicles were being erected. Forty trucks hauling timber for these sheds were observed on 11 July alone.
7. Germans employed in kitchen stated that the approximate officer strength as of 13 July was 165 officers with Lieutenant Colonel Klinowski's, (fnu), unit from the Horn Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder; 180 officers with Major Rut's, (fnu), unit from the Spree Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde; 60 officers with Major Dombrowski's, (fnu), unit from the Pioneer Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde; 60 officers with Lieutenant Colonel Babayev's, (fnu), unit from Frankfurt/Oder; and 90 officers with the division headquarters, the APN of which was identified as being 95952 (C-2) (5).

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8. A German interpreter stated that Major Abramov, (fnu), commanding officer of an unidentified unit in the Hindenburg Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder, had left for reassignment. His successor was one Kashchavtsev, whose deputy was one Tsaripov, (fnu). (3)

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